An ACCOUNT of what His MAJESTY ſaid at His Firſt coming to Council.

His Majeſty at His Firſt Sitting in His Privy Council, was graciouſly pleaſed to Expreſs Himſelf in this Manner.

MY LORDS,

BEfore I enter upon any other Buſineſs, I think fit to ſay ſomething to you; Since it hath pleaſed Almighty God to place Me in this Station, and I am now to Succeed ſo Good and Gracious a King, as well as ſo very Kind a Brother; I think it fit to Declare to you, That I will Endeavour to follow His Example, and moſt Eſpecially in that of His Great Clemency, and Tenderneſs to His People: I have been Reported to be a Man for Arbitrary Power, but that is not the only Story has been made of Me: And I ſhall make it my Endeavours to preſerve this Government both in Church and State, as it is now by Law Eſtabliſh'd: I know the Principles of the Church of *England* are for Monarchy, and the Members of it have ſhewed themſelves Good and Loyal Subjects, therefore I ſhall always take care to Defend and Support it: I know too, That the Laws of *England* are ſufficient to make the King as Great a Monarch as I can wiſh; And as I ſhall never Depart from the Juſt Rights and Prerogative of the Crown, ſo I ſhall never Invade any mans Property; I have often heretofore ventur'd my Life in Defence of this Nation, and I ſhall ſtill go as far as any man in preſerving it in all its Juſt Rights and Liberties.

Whereupon the Lords of the Council were Humble Suiters to His Majeſty, That theſe His Gratious Expreſsions might be made Publick; Which His Majeſty did Order accordingly.

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